A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

No.

Failure of Jowar Crops

*Q.—635. Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether some of the villagers in Bidar District applied to the concerned Tahsildars to make spot inspections of the standing Jowar Crops which failed in those parts, during the year (April), 1966-67 ;

(*b*) whether any spot inspection was conducted by the Officers and if so, what is their report ;

(*c*) whether the villagers have requested for the postponement of collection of levy, Land Revenue, Surcharge, Betterment and Health Cess Levy during the said year in view of the failure of Jowar crops ;

(*d*) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this behalf ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO (Deputy Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Some of the villagers of Humnabad and Bidar taluks have represented that there has been generally failure of crops in parts of the two taluks. There have been no specific representations with regard to actual failure of crops in any particular village or any particular survey number of such a village.

(*b*) The annual inspections of crops have been conducted by Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner and Tahsildars during their tours. It was observed that Jowar crop was affected by severe cold in the months of December 1966 and January 1967. But the general yield of Rabi Jowar was more than 4 annas in all the villages.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*c*).

Scheduled Castes Boys' Hostel at Nittur

*Q.—403. Sri PRABHOO RAO JAGADALE (Hulsoor).—

Will the Minister for Social Welfare be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has considered the question of opening of Scheduled Castes Boys' Hostel at Nittur in Bidar District ;

(*b*) in view of the Development of that village as a modern one whether due priority for this purpose would be given ?